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**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE, STATE POLICE AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS  
ADDRESS ILLEGAL ATV USE AT CAMP EDWARDS AND MYLES STANDISH**  
*12 Riders Cited for Illegal Riding*

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Environmental Police, State Police and local police departments including Sandwich, Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and the Barnstable Sheriff's Department met at Camp Edwards and Myles Standish State Forest to patrol for illegal All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riding. In total 12 riders were cited.

Police divided into 6 patrol zones with 13 officers and sheriff deputies on ATVs. State Police Cruisers were stationed outside the forest areas to search for trucks used by ATV riders. At Camp Edwards 6 people were cited and their ATVs were towed to Police Quarters. Officers at Myles Standish cited 8 illegal riders.

"Public outcry required a response from local enforcement," said Environmental Affairs Secretary Stephen R. Pritchard. "I am encouraged that through this operation and future operations fewer people will ride in these state parks and along private property."

Jim Hanlon of the Environmental Police who was involved in the recent operation said "ATV use in these areas is not allowed. ATV use is permitted only on specifically marked and designated ORV trails within seven state forests"

ATV use on property that is not specifically designated for this purpose results in property damage and can effect environmental sensitive areas. Riders from Camp Edwards often travel onto abutting land including Massachusetts Fish and Game Property and Cranes Wildlife property cause deep tracks and disrupting wildlife.

For more information on ATV use and a list of state forest in the area allowing ATV riding please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/orv.htm>.